IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Examiner: Barbara P. Badio, P In re Application of: Art Unit: 1616 YANG ET AL. I hereby certify that this correspondence U.S. Serial No.: 10/091,627 is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an Filed: March 6, 2002 envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, For: METHOD FOR SYNTHESIZING Virginia 22313-1450 on 6/19/03 5β, 6β-EPOXIDES OF STEROIDS BY A HIGHLY β-SELECTIVE ruette EPOXIDATION OF Δ^5 -**UNSATURATED STEROIDS**

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003, please amend the above – identified patent application as follows: